charges like Development charge, Science charge, Sports charge, Maintenance charge, Students Union Fund, etc. to improve the infrastructural facilities.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Expenditure on Supplementary Nutrition Programme

3456. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for sharing of the expenditure on supplementary nutrition programme and other issues relating to women and child welfare;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the additional amount proposed to be given in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A request was received to consider the feasibility of sharing the expenditure on Supplementary Nutrition Programme under Centrally Sponsored Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in the ratio of 50:50 by the State and Central Government.

(c) No Central Grant-in-aid for supplementary nutrition is proposed to be given, because Planning Commission did not agree to the proposal due to budgetary resource constraints. Besides adequate funds are being allocated to the State for supplementary nutrition, which is a priority under Basic Minimum Services (BMS).

National Open Schools operating in the Country

3457. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of National Open Schools operating in the country with financial allocations made during last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to start more open schools in the North-East region;

(c) if so, the location-wise details of each school with operational schedule;

(d) the reasons for very slow implementation of this scheme in Assam;

(e) the State-wise list of language being used in the curriculum;

(f) whether Government are planning to impart such education in Assamese language in Assam; and

(g) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) There is only one National Open School (NOS) with Headquarters at New Delhi. In addition to it, State Open Schools are also functioning in Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. NOS has 664 Academic Study Centres operating all over India. A list showing State-wise distribution of academic study centres is annexed as Statement (*see* below). NOS makes pro-rata payments to these centres towards the services rendered by them on behalf of NOS. The rate of pro-rata payment which was Rs. 170/- per student has since been raised to Rs. 200/- per student w.e.f. 1997-98 academic session.

(b) The subject matter regarding establishment of State Open Schools is the concern of respective State Governments.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) National Open School offers courses in Hindi and English media at Secondary/Senior Secondary stage and also in Urdu medium at Secondary stage at the national level. In addition to it,